

REMARKS

This amendment after final is in response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-15 and 20 are allowed and that claims 17-18 and 21-22 include allowable subject matter. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for conducting the interview of June 17, 2005 and for preparing the interview summary dated June 22, 2005. Claim 16 has been cancelled and claims 17 and 19 have been amended herein. Applicant submits that no new issues have been raised by this amendment, since claim 17 (which was objected to) has merely been written in independent form and claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 17. Therefore, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Objections

Claims 17-18 and 21-22 were rejected as being dependent upon rejected base claims. Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form. The remaining objected to claims (18, 21-22) depend from claim 17; therefore, the objected to claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejections

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tami (US 5,383,279). This rejection is traversed. However, to advance this application to issuance claim 16 has been cancelled thereby rendering the rejection thereto moot.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tami in view of Afshari (US 6,560,884). This rejection is traversed. However, to advance this application to issuance claim 19 has been amended to depend on claim 17, which includes allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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